



**Madison Valley Stormwater Storage Project  
Phase 1 - Stormwater Facility at 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue E & E John Street**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

(Last updated April 16, 2010)

**Question** – When was the site functional as a stormwater facility?

**Answer** – The site was functional as a stormwater facility at the end of 2009, though the fences around the site remained to allow the grass to become established.

**Question** – When will the site be open to the public?

**Answer** - The contractor will be doing touch up work and re-seeding areas in the site. It takes a few weeks for the grass to establish before we can allow foot traffic on the site. We are anticipating that the fence can be removed in late May or early June. The exact date will be determined by the condition of the grass and landscape. So stay tuned for future project updates!

**Question** – At the public meetings last year, we were told that the planting design would make sure that large plants/bushes would be planted around 'the cage' at the north end of the stormwater facility to hide it from view. Will there be more large plantings/bushes around the cage?

**Answer** - There are no additional plantings to be installed at the cage in the north end. However, the plants that are there will grow larger over time to help mask the cage. The plants are under warranty until December 2010, so any plants that do not survive will be replaced. It is important to note that we cannot completely "hide" the cage with plants because the SPU maintenance staff must always be able to access all parts of the cage to ensure proper operation of this stormwater facility.

**Question** - The cement/stone circle on the south end of the facility has been constantly wet all winter. I know the design is intended for standing or sitting. Is there a way to solve the near-constant water there?

**Answer** - SPU is aware of the drainage issue at the south circular plaza. The designers have issued a minor design change to address the drainage. Our resident engineer is working with the contractor to perform the design revision.

Please note that this design revision will only help most of the runoff from the south slope to flow around the concrete plaza. The plaza itself is at or near the level of the groundwater table during winter months. So, the bottom area will likely remain wet during most of the winter, regardless of any drainage measures taken. The plaza will be available for public use during drier times of the year and when there are no large storms. The primary function of this site is a stormwater facility, and to maximize stormwater holding capacity we needed to locate the plaza at this depth.

**Question** – The trash can by the bulletin board area before the construction started is gone. Will it be reinstalled?

**Answer** - The trashcan was removed from the site because during construction our maintenance crews were not scheduled to maintain the site (which included clearing the trashcan). In the meantime, if you notice litter or garbage collecting at the site, please email the project account ([info@madisonvalleystormwater.com](mailto:info@madisonvalleystormwater.com)) or call the project line at 206-455-5345, so we can promptly address the issue.

**Question** – Are there any plans for additional lighting? There are two lights, one on the south end and one on the north end, but nothing in the middle of the area on the west side.

**Answer** – We do not plan to install more lights for the site because this space was designed for passive use in the daytime.

**Question** – Will the touch up work include regrading the big puddle that sits at the bottom of the hills near the Aspen trees on the east side of the facility to the south side of Gabion Bridge?

**Answer** - We have been aware of this area of ponding on the east slope. Since this is one of the areas the artist will install artwork, the artist will install a short drainpipe at the bottom of the art application site to channel water across the gravel path-edging strip to the dry creek walk. The wet area was due to the dam affect from the gravel path-edging strip. The need for this small drainpipe is to facilitate a less soggy area for the art application. The landscape design intent (which was presented at public meetings) was to have a water component at the bottom from rainfall and ground water surfacing. The area is intended to be seasonally wet.

**Question** –How do I receive updates about this project?

**Answer** - We provide email updates to our stakeholders on a regular basis. If you would like to receive email updates, please send an email to [info@madisonvalleystormwater.com](mailto:info@madisonvalleystormwater.com)